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RADIATION-TREATED POLYMER FOR IMPROVED DELIVERY OF

THERAPEUTIC AGENT

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NOTICE OF APPEAL AND PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

SIR:

Applicant hereby respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated May 12, 2009, finally rejecting the pending claims in this application. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant a one-month extension of time, thus this response is timely filed.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1047 the one-month extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) (\$130) and the Appeal Fee under 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1) (\$540). It is further requested that the Commissioner charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 50-1047.

A Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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